

Piano Lessons

By Anna Goldsworthy

In this remarkable memoir, Anna Goldsworthy recalls her first steps towards a life in music, from childhood piano lessons with a local jazz muso to international success as a concert pianist. As she discovers passion and ambition, and confronts doubt and disappointment, she learns about much more than tone and technique. This is a story of the getting of wisdom, tender and bittersweet.

With wit and affection, Goldsworthy captures the hopes and uncertainties of youth, the fear and exhilaration of performing, and the complex bonds between teacher and student. An unforgettable cast of characters joins her: her family; her friends and rivals; and her teacher, Mrs Sivan, who inspires and challenges her in equal measure, and who transforms what seems an impossible dream into something real and sustaining.

“Marvellous. Enlightenment and joy on every page.” —Helen Garner

“I loved this book. Anna Goldsworthy’s memoir left me awed, inspired and humbled.”—Alice Pung

About Anna Goldsworthy:

Anna Goldsworthy’s writing has appeared in the *Monthly*, the *Age*, the *Adelaide Review* and *Best Australian Essays*. She has toured nationally and internationally as a pianist, and is a member of the Seraphim Trio. Her first solo piano album, *Come with Us*, was released in 2008. In the same year, she collaborated with her father, Peter Goldsworthy, on a theatrical adaptation of his novel *Maestro*.